

National Notable Achievement Awards 2018



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BROWNFIELDS AND LAND REVITALIZATION

Land Revitalization Team Award

Region 7

Land Revitalization and Community Renewal, Dubuque, IA

Whitney Bynum
Charles Foley
Deborah Kennedy
Susan Klein
Alma Moreno Lahm
Jennifer Morris
Anna-Marie Romero
Christopher Simmons
Preston Law
Diana Engeman
Tonya Howell
Ashley Murdie
David Doyle
Kristen Nazar

US Army Corps of Engineers

Bradley Eaton

City of Dubuque

Teri Goodman
Maurice Jones
Steve Sampson-Brown

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Mel Pins

Achieving Community Renewal and Land Revitalization in Dubuque, Through Cooperation,
Purpose and Perseverance

Brownfields Team Excellence Award

Region 5

Eastern Wisconsin Brownfields Team

John Peterson
Keary Cragan

Patricia Polston
Matthew Mischnick
Alicia Sanders
Paisly Kauth
Toby Wall
Kathy Halbur (Retired)

Wisconsin EDC
Naletta Burr

Wisconsin DNR
Annette Weissbach (Retired)
Tauren Beggs

Economic Development Dir- Mantiowoc City
Nicolas Sparacio

Housing and Urban Development
Brain Gillen

City of Green Bay
Matt Buchanan

Creative coordination of multiple EPA resources in East-Central Wisconsin leveraged significant non-EPA resources and programs to achieve results far beyond EPA's financial investment.

Brownfields Team Excellence Award

Region 6
Linda Boggs/Mercy Hospital Clean up
Amber Howard
Mary Kemp
Anthony Talton
Ana Esquivel
Jake Piehl

For recognition of the clean-up of Lindy Boggs/Mercy Hospital that was damaged from Hurricane Katrina.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND ANALYSIS

Outstanding Re-Powering Individual or Team Effort

Region 7

Dubuque Solar Garden

Robert Aston

Jared Pessetto

Iowa Dept Of Natural Resources

Mel Pins

Alliant Energy

City of Dubuque

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation

AY McDonald Mfg Co.

Successful collaboration of Federal, State, local agencies working with private sector to repurpose underutilized piece of contaminated property into renewable energy source for the community.

OLEM Community Engagement Award

Region 4

Mineral Wool Pile Dialogue Team

Keriema Newman

Brian Holtzclaw

Wesley Hardegree

Meredith Anderson

Adam Saslow (Facilitator)

Alabama Department of Environmental Protection

Brian Espy

ERP Compliant Coke

Don Wiggins

Community Members
Reverend E.O. Jackson
Vivian Starks
Jones Monday
Chester Wallace

University of Alabama
Dr. Michelle Fanucchi

City of Birmingham
Amber Courtney
Kirk Epstein

For establishing an effective collaborative dialogue and capacity-building process to foster environmental awareness, positive community-industry relations and promote revitalization in Harriman Park, AL.

Outstanding Environmental Justice Achievement

Region 3 ***Reading Lead Outreach Team***

Alex Mandell
Todd Richardson
John Banks
Gina Soscia
Cathleen Kennedy
Reginald Harris
Joan Schafer
Kinsasha Brown
George Rizzo

ATSDR
Ana Pomales
Karl Markiewicz

For outstanding teamwork executing a community-wide health education event that brought together federal, state and local representatives and community members on environmental health topics of concern.

Award for Excellence in Using Data or Evidence

Region 6 ***Hurricane Harvey Story Map Team***

Eric Delgado
Joe Schaefer (HQ)
Austin Vela
David Gray
Lahne Mattas-Curry (HQ)

The team is recognized for their efforts in developing the story map which brought EPA's Hurricane Harvey response to life through maps, images, and descriptions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention

Region 5 Greg Chomycia

For 15 years, Greg Chomycia has demonstrated excellence in the advancement of EPA's Chemical Accident Preparedness and Prevention Program, including an innovative settlement in 2017.

Oil

Region 5 Jon Gulch

In recognition of OSC Jon Gulch for his continuing exceptional efforts to advance Region 5 Superfund's Oil Program.

Region 3 ***Oil Program Team*** Arlin Galarza-Hernandez Wanda Martinez Mark W. Howard (HQ)

State partnerships have long been a cornerstone of EPA's Oil Pollution Prevention program. Wanda Martinez and Arlin Galarza-Hernandez, Region 3 inspectors, and Headquarters National expert, Mark Howard demonstrated leadership by independently preparing and delivering SPCC and FRP regulations training to 15 tank inspectors from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

Homeland Security

Region 6
John Martin

John Martin is recognized for his exemplary efforts in leading the Region's homeland security program and collaborating with various partners to accomplish complex responses.

On-Scene Coordinator of the Year

Region 5
Jacob Hassan

In recognition of Jacob Hassan for demonstrating an overwhelming commitment to the Emergency Response community and protecting human health and the environment.

FEDERAL FACILITIES RESPONSE

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Region 4
Robert Pope

For exceptional leadership and management of complex projects while exhibiting outstanding technical and planning skills in proposing protective remedies to expedited cleanup at the Tyndall Air Force Base.

Region 4
Federal Facility Remedial Project Management CECLA Course Development and Training Team
Diedre Lloyd
Robert Pope

Emerald Laija (HQ)
Monica McEaddy (HQ)
Sally Dalzell (HQ)
Steve Hirsch (Reg 3)
Judy Hwang (Reg 9)

For Outstanding Leadership in Developing and Implementing the National Federal Facilities
RPM Training Curriculum

RCRA CORRECTIVE ACTION

Outstanding Use of Innovative Approaches to Achieve RCRA Permitting or Corrective Action Program Goals

Region 9 RCRA Permit Review Team

Amanda Cruz
John Schofield
Briana Fairbanks
Rebecca Sugarman

The RCRA Permit Review Team demonstrated outstanding efforts in working with Region 9
states to improve state-issued permits, provide training and foster collaborative relationships.

Region 4 RCRA Permitting Team

Meredith Anderson
David Egetter
Kevin Greaney
Denise Housley
Carlos Merizalde
Brooke York
Colleen Michuda
Marirose Pratt
Brian Holtzclaw
Wes Hardegree
Jeanette Verduin

For enhancing our partnerships with Region 4 stakeholders through innovation and collaboration,
technical assistance, training and meaningful information exchange and community outreach.

Outstanding Use of Redevelopment Potential or Leveraging of External Resources to Accelerate Cleanups

Region 6

W J Smith Revitalization Team

Rick Ehrhart
Jeanne Schulze
Alethea Tsui-Bowen
Greg Lyssy
Laurie King
Flora Greene
Kathryn Thomas (retired)
Bruce Jones

WCD Group LLC

Anne Viner, Esq.

Katy Industries, Inc.

Brian Nichols

Denison Development Alliance

Tony Kaii

TX Commission on Environmental Quality

James Formby

For outstanding collaboration in investigating and remediating the WJ Smith facility in Denison, Texas, culminating in a Ready for Reuse Determination to promote site reuse.

Region 7

Bannister Transfer and Redevelopment Team

Robert Aston
Jim Stevens

MO DCR

Rich Nussbaum
Don Dicks
Jalal El-Jayyousi
Heidi Rice
Mark Hogan
Brandon Doster
Tiffany Drake
Jennifer Lamons

*Assistant Attorney General
Shawna Bligh*

*CenterPoint Properties
Bannister Transformation and Development LLC
National Nuclear Security Administration
General Services Administration
Honeywell FM&T
S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates Inc.
Andrew McKinney
Olsson Associates, Inc.*

Creative solutions and communication lead to a successful transfer of federal property to the private sector for redevelopment, resulting in a win for the community.

Outstanding Regional Efforts to Support State or Tribal RCRA Programs

Region 1 RCRA Authorization Lean Team

Steve Boudrot
Linda Darveau
Sharon Leitch
Steve Yee
Samir Bukhari
Beth Deabay
Wayne Roepe (HQ)
Colleen Michuda (Reg 4)

*Georgia-EPD
Amy Potter*

*New Hampshire DES
Wendy Bonner*

This multi-faceted EPA and State team enthusiastically tackled the challenge of Leaning the Authorization process to make it efficient and collaborative, ensuring improved program outcomes.

Outstanding Use of Innovative Approaches to Advance the PCB Disposal and Cleanup Program

Region 9
Brea PCB Cleanup Team
George Randell
Carmen Santos
Patrick Wilson
Karen Scheuermann

The Brea PCB Cleanup Team used innovated approaches to solve complex PCB contamination issues resulting in a cost effective, safe, and green cleanup and redevelopment.

Outstanding Support of the Development, Implementation and/or Oversight of EPA's RCRA Base

Region 4
Robert Reimer

For outstanding leadership in contributing to and maintaining RCRAInfo for multiple data queries to support the EPA Region 4, States, and the public.

Region 9
E-Manifest Team
Sarah Bielski
Karen Irwin
Elizabeth Janes
Kaoru Morimoto
Marc Mowrey
Cheryl Nelson

For outstanding work in successfully preparing EPA Region 9 States, Tribes, Territories, and the regulated community for the launch of the national e-Manifest system.

RCRA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Team Awards

Region 7

2017 Midwest Food Recovery Summit

James Callier
Penny Harrell
Elizabeth Blackburn
Lisa Thresher
Kate Clever
Leeanna Balsley
Kristy Throckmorton
Gayle Hubert
Ellen Meyer (HQ)
Lana Suarez (HQ)
Kristina Torres (HQ)
Claudia Fabiano (HQ)
Virginia Till (Reg 8)
Kimberly Pardue-Welch (Reg 8)
Julie Schilf (Reg 5)
Susan Vescovi (Reg 5)
Susan Mooney (Reg 5)
Christine Beling (Reg 1)
Andrea Schnitzer (HQ)

Iowa Waste Reduction Center

Daniel Nickey

For outstanding contributions to the 2017 Midwest Food Recovery Summit, a multi-faceted stakeholder event that brought together over 130 attendees to focus on food waste reduction, recycling, and recovery.

Regional & Headquarters

Sustainable Materials Management Portfolio Manager Collaboration Team

Jenny Stephenson (Reg 9)
Terry Grist (HQ)
Kent Foerster (HQ)
Andrea Schnitzer (HQ)
Rhonda Rollins (Reg 4)
Delores Rodgers-Smith (Reg 4)
Mike Zatz (HQ)
Cindy Jacobs (HQ)

Alexandra Sullivan (HQ)
Alena Hutchison (HQ)
Karen Schneider (HQ)
Jay Bassett (HQ)
Ronald Vance (HQ)

For advancing sustainable materials management by launching and conducting extensive training on a detailed lifecycle materials and waste management measurement system used by over 2,500 facilities.

RCRA SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Individual Award

Region-9- Individual
Deirdre Nurre

Provided innovative Solid Waste Management assistance to eight tribal nations to safely deconstruct, reuse, and recycle abandoned mobile homes that posed community and environmental threats.

REGIONAL SCIENCE

Individual Award

Region 9- Individual
Herb Levine

For improving Superfund site modeling by developing A Practical Guide for Applying Environmental Sequence Stratigraphy.

Team Award

Region 4
Superfund Field Demonstration Team
Tim Frederick
Sydney Chan
Cathy Amoroso
Leigh Lattimore
Subash Patel
Rick Jardine

Greg Harper
Nardina Turner
Katrina Jones
Scott Miller
Tim Simpson
Kevin Simmons

Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation
Troy Keith

The Best Practices Field Demonstration team provided outstanding innovation and creativity in researching and developing state-of-the-art methods for soil sampling on Superfund projects.

SUPERFUND

Citizen Excellence in Community Involvement Award

Region 1
Andrea Amico

This award recognizes Andrea Amico's work in organizing and educating community and government stakeholders impacted by PFAS water contamination at the former Pease AFB in Portsmouth, NH.

Remedial Project Manager (RPM) of the Year

Region 1
Joseph Lemay

Nominated for 28 years as a dedicated remedial project manager in the Superfund Program and for facilitating cleanup and redevelopment at several complex sites in New England including the Wells G&H Superfund Site, the Industri-plex Superfund Site, and the Resolve Superfund site.

Site Assessment Manager (SAM) of the Year

Region 3
Connor O'Loughlin

As a new employee with exceptional project management skills who anticipates problems while managing multiple complex projects, Connor has made superior Superfund program contributions.

Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) of the Year

Region 7

Pamela Houston

For outstanding community involvement efforts at the Caney Residential Yard Superfund site to protect children from high-risk lead exposures.

Superfund Individual of the Year

Region 3

Chris Corbett

For outstanding performance as Senior RPM, Site-wide Ready for Reuse Coordinator, Five Year Review coordinator, mentor, and collaborator in expediting clean-up of contaminated sites.

Superfund Team of the Year

Region 1

Raymark Team

Jim DiLorenzo

Ethan Finkel

Ron Jennings

Dan Keefe

Scott Clifford

Jerry Keefe

Brent England

William Sommer

Michelle Coombs

Bart Hoskins

Dan Boudreau

Bhavita Patel

Inna Germansderfer

Joe Montanaro

Aaron Zimmer

Outstanding effort by the Raymark team to preserve aggressive remedial milestones through the use of regional resources (equipment and personnel) to collect and analyze significant amounts of analytical data while reducing project costs.

Superfund Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in Cleanup Practice

Region 6
Vince Malott

For outstanding management and innovation of cleanup remedies for the contaminated ground water and reuse of equipment and technologies at Superfund sites.

SUPERFUND SITE REMEDIATION ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Team Award

Region 5
Milwaukee Die Cast Enforcement Team
Catherine Garypie
Matthew Moore (Reg 10)
Susan Pastor
Peter Ramanauskas
Cheryl McIntyre
Kathy Halbur (Retired)

For excellence, innovation and perseverance in forging strong partnerships and leveraging EPA's cleanup authorities to get the Milwaukee Die Cast Superfund site remediated.

Financial Management Team

Region 4
Hurricane Irma Finance Support Team
Lloyd "Monty" Bates
Angela Billups-Washington
Kristy Eubanks
Dora Ann Johnson
Roderick Johnson
Katrina Jones
Geoffrey Krieger
Janis Layne
Paresa Stevens
Kim Walton

The Region 4 Hurricane Irma Finance Support Team provided exemplary and exceptional customer service for the EPA and FEMA in the response to Hurricane Irma.

Legal Enforcer

Region 9
Sara Goldsmith

Sara Goldsmith's extraordinary legal enforcement efforts achieved complete victory in the highly complex, ten-year CERCLA litigation related to the Lava Cap Mine Superfund Site

Technical Enforcer

Region 5
Mila Bensing

Mila Bensing is commended for her exemplary contributions to the Superfund enforcement and cost recovery programs.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Outstanding Prevention

Region 6
Oklahoma Underground Storage Tanks State Program Approval Team
Audray Lincoln
Joshua Ridley
Bruce Jones
Adina Wiley
Carl Young
Alima Patterson
Elizabeth McDermott (HQ)

EPA Region 6 coordinated the state program approval process for Oklahoma and it was the 1st state in the nation to have a revised program approved.

Outstanding Cleanup/Revitalization

Region 8
UST Tribal Team TAT Nishu Store
Francisca Chambus
Janice Pearson
Amy Swanson

For innovative enforcement that brought a Tribally-owned UST into compliance.

NATIONAL NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

List of Winners by Location

Headquarters
Wayne Roepe
Mark W. Howard
Emerald Laija
Monica McEaddy
Sally Dalzell
Joseph Schaefer
Lahne Mattas-Curry
Elizabeth McDermott
Ellen Meyer
Lana Suarez
Kristina Torres
Claudia Fabiano
Andrea Schnitzer

REGION 1
Steve Boudrot
Linda Darveau
Sharon Leitch
Steve Yee
Samir Bukhari
Beth Deabay
Joseph Lemay
Jim DiLorenzo
Ethan Finkel
Ron Jennings
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William Sommer
Michelle Coombs
Bart Hoskins
Dan Boudreau
Bhavita Patel
Inna Germansderfer
Joe Montanaro
Aaron Zimmer
Christine Beling
Andrea Amico

REGION 3

Alex Mandell
Todd Richardson
John Banks
Gina Soscia
Cathleen Kennedy
Ana Pomales
Karl Markiewicz,
Reginald Harris
Joan Schafer
Kinsasha Brown
George Rizzo
Arlin Galarza-Hernandez
Wanda Martinez
Steve Hirsch
Chris Corbett

REGION 4

Keriema Newman
Brian Holtzclaw
Wesley Hardegree
Adam Saslow (Facilitator)
Meredith Anderson
Robert Pope
Diedre Lloyd
Robert Pope
Emerald Laija

Monica McEaddy
Sally Dalzell
Meredith Anderson
David Egetter
Kevin Greaney
Denise Housley
Carlos Merizalde
Brooke York
Colleen Michuda
Marirose Pratt
Brian Holtzclaw
Wes Hardegree
Jeanette Verduin
Robert Reimer
Tim Frederick
Sydney Chan
Cathy Amoroso
Leigh Lattimore
Subash Patel
Rick Jardine
Greg Harper
Nardina Turner
Katrina Jones
Scott Miller
Tim Simpson
Kevin Simmons
Robert Pope
Diedre Lloyd
Robert Pope
Steve Hirsch
Judy Hwang
Lloyd "Monty" Bates
Angela Billups-Washington
Kristy Eubanks
Dora Ann Johnson
Roderick Johnson
Katrina Jones
Geoffrey Krieger
Janis Layne
Paresa Stevens
Kim Walton
Colleen Michuda

REGION 5

John Peterson
Keary Cragan
Patricia Polston
Matthew Mischnick
Alicia Sanders
Paisly Kauth
Toby Wall

REGION 6

Amber Howard
Mary Kemp
Anthony Talton
Ana Esquivel
Jake Piehl
Eric Delgado
Austin Vela
David Gray
John Martin
Rick Ehrhart
Jeanne Schulze
Alethea Tsui-Bowen
Greg Lyssy
Laurie King
Flora Greene
Kathryn Thomas (retired)
Bruce Jones
Vince Malott
Audray Lincoln
Joshua Ridley
Bruce Jones
Adina Wiley
Carl Young
Alima Patterson

REGION 7

Whitney Bynum
Charles Foley
Deborah Kennedy

Susan Klein
Alma Moreno Lahm
Jennifer Morris
Anna-Marie Romero
Christopher Simmons
Preston Law
Diana Engeman
Tonya Howell
Ashley Murdie
David Doyle
Kristen Nazar
Robert Aston
Jared Pessetto
Robert Aston
Jim Stevens
James Callier
Penny Harrell
Elizabeth Blackburn
Lisa Thresher
Kate Clever
Leeanna Balsley
Kristy Throckmorton
Gayle Hubert
Pamela Houston

REGION 8

Francisca Chambus
Janice Pearson
Amy Swanson
Virginia Till
Kimberly Pardue-Welch

REGION 9

Amanda Cruz
John Schofield
Briana Fairbanks
Rebecca Sugarman
George Randell
Carmen Santos
Patrick Wilson
Karen Scheuermann
Sarah Bielski

Karen Irwin
Elizabeth Janes
Kaoru Morimoto
Marc Mowrey
Cheryl Nelson
Deirdre Nurre
Herb Levine
Sara Goldsmith
Judy Hwang

Region 10
Matthew Moore

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